

TROUBLE OVER GOLD PLANK

DOWNFALL OF HARBOR EXPECTED

Military Experts at Tien Tsin Declare Kuropatkin Will Withdraw and Japs Will Take Port Arthur.

GREAT BATTLE IS IMPENDING

Aver City Can Not Successfully Withstand a Three-sided Advance of Invaders.

Firing Has Been Heard Near beleaguered City and Situation Is Thought to Be Approaching a Climax.

Tien Tsin, July 10.—Military experts here are of the opinion that the Russians' positions at Haicheng are untenable against the three-sided advance of the Japanese forces.

These experts expect that General Kuropatkin will withdraw, and they predict the downfall of Port Arthur.

No Engagement as Yet.

St. Petersburg, July 9.—General Sakharoff, in a report to the general staff, gives further details of the advance of the Japanese forces. His report states that several minor engagements occurred July 7, but that the casualties were not of any consequence.

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Message From Parker Throws Convention Into Uproar, But Difficulty Is Finally Patched Up.

Candidate Wires That He Will Follow His Financial Views Should He Be Elected and Wants His Position Understood---Reply Goes Back That Money Issue Is Dead, and That There Is No Need of Declaration---Henry G. Davis for Vice-President

St. Louis, July 9.—Chairman Clark was in the Coliseum 10 minutes before the convention was convened this afternoon. Not only were there many vacant seats in the galleries, but a number of absentees were noticed among the delegates and alternates. The outgoing trains today carried the first batch of the departing convention crowd and many delegates planned on leaving for home tonight.

It was a close, muggy atmosphere into which the crowd walked this afternoon. The majority of the delegates divested themselves of their coats, folded them across their laps and, seizing palm fans, flapped them vigorously.

Shortly before the session was convened a rumor that Davis of West Virginia had been agreed upon by the leaders for the vice presidency went rapidly through the hall and delegates gathered in groups to discuss the situation. It was 5:27 o'clock when the first sign of opening the session was made. Chairman Clark called the convention to order and directed the delegates to take their seats. The roll call of states then called for presentation of candidates for vice president. Alabama was called several times, with

no response, but finally Russell of that state announced that Alabama would give way to Illinois. F. P. Morris of Illinois took the platform to name James R. Williams of Illinois.

Colorado yielded to Washington and Chairman Clark recognized Frederick C. Robertson of that state, who spoke for ex-Senator George Turner. He spoke as follows:

"My friends, you have builded a portion of the ticket. You have gone to the east for your president. Now come to the west. You men who listen to tickers in Wall street, come across the continent to the great Pacific slope, and to the state of Washington. The Pacific coast will be the battleground in the next campaign. Rally around your matchless leader. You men in the south have memories of the past to cement you to the democratic party. You men in the east have the historic origin of our leaders. We men in the west are building a temple of democracy: in the state of Washington we produce the keystone of the arch and all of the west states will say it is a perfect creation. From across this great continent extend the hand of friendship to us, and place upon the ticket as the running mate

of the peerless, matchless citizen of New York our own splendid friend and citizen, first citizen of the state of Washington, ex-Senator George A. Turner.

Indiana seconded the nomination of Williams. By this time the report was circulated that a telegram had been received from Parker declaring his position on the financial question. A crowd of delegates hurriedly gathered around Sheehan of New York and Tillman of South Carolina. Little conferences began to occur and the orators did not receive much attention except from the galleries and the small fry who did not know that a probable sensation was ripening all about them.

The chair recognized John D. Alderson of West Virginia, who placed in nomination Henry G. Davis of West Virginia.

Senator Dubois of Idaho seconded the nomination of Turner. David Overmyer of Kansas placed ex-Senator William A. Harris of that state in nomination. As the unexciting routine of nominating and seconding speeches proceeded a storm that seemed inevitable was gathering. Leaders hurried to and fro with anxious faces, and the news from Esopus spread rapidly. The floor filled with delegates and Parker seconds sat close together in a whispered consultation. At 8 o'clock there were signs to be interpreted that the session was going to be dramatic in the extreme, but the delegates smiled and listened to the flow of "favorite son" oratory, all unconscious of the great things that were moving in the party's heart.

The roll call of states proceeded until Maryland was reached. Maryland seconded the nomination of Davis. Montana seconded Turner. Senator Carmack of Tennessee was placed in nomination by Delegate Hersey of that state.

The first rumble of the approaching storm was heard at just 7 o'clock.

Senator South of Arkansas broke in on the roll call with a motion that in view of the rumors that were disturbing the convention, a recess be taken until 8 o'clock. The motion did not prevail.

Senator Cudbertson of Texas secured recognition. He was visibly excited when he secured recognition and, mounting his chair, said:

"For reasons which are obvious, it seems to me we ought not to proceed at this time to nominate a candidate for vice president, and I therefore move that the convention—" Here cries of "Why?" interrupted him.

"I think the delegates understand what I mean," he proceeded. Chairman Clark interjected: "Proceed." "I repeat," concluded Senator Culbertson, "in the present exigencies which confront the convention, it ought not proceed to the nomination of a vice president."

"Right!" "right!" greeted the statesman. "We want to know before the candidate for vice president is nominated who will be the candidate for president."

He made a motion for a recess until 8:30. The motion was put by the chairman. The vote in the opinion of most people was lost, but Chairman Clark loudly banging the desk, declared it carried and quickly left the platform, before the convention recovered from its amazement.

DOINGS OF NIGHT SESSION.

Davis of West Virginia Nominated for Vice President.

St. Louis, July 9.—The convention

did not go into session promptly at the time appointed, although the greater number of delegates and alternates were in their seats, keyed up to a high pitch of excitement over the possible events of the session.

At 9:16 o'clock Chairman Clark pounded vigorously with his gavel and asked the delegates to be seated and that the aisles be cleared. He did not formally call the convention to order, but as soon as some degree of quiet had been restored Governor Vardaman of Mississippi rose and, without formal recognition by the chair, proceeded to address the convention on the subject of the mysterious telegram.

"Let us find out what this rumor is," he concluded, "that has created all the disorder in this hall. Let the gentleman from New York to whom the telegram is addressed read it."

Chairman Clark replied: "It is moved that the member of the New York delegation, who has the telegram that has been rumored about this city read it if he has such a one."

George Raines of New York asked that action on the motion be deferred until the chairman of his delegation could be heard from. Governor Vardaman acquiesced, and while the convention waited good order prevailed.

"I wish to announce in advance," said the chairman, "that on this important matter every man shall have full and fair hearing. I now introduce John Sharp Williams of Mississippi."

Williams spoke as follows: "All of us were very much surprised and excited this afternoon, to use no stronger words, at what purported to be copies of telegrams which had been sent by our nominee to Carmack and others in this city. I want to tell you that but one telegram has been received."

"A telegram has come from Parker to Sheehan, however, which shall be read in a moment, and when you shall have heard it you will note there is not in it one word about requiring, or demanding, or asking, or requesting that anything should be placed in the democratic platform."

"You will also note, if there is any error in it at all, it is an error of judgment proceeding from a too sensitive spirit of honor—from a too sensitive desire not to be misunderstood or placed in a false or in a doubtful position. I shall now ask Governor Vardaman to read the telegram to you."

He then handed the telegram to Governor Vardaman, who, after requesting absolute quiet, read the telegram, as follows:

"Hon. William F. Sheehan:—Regarding the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established, I shall act accordingly if the action of the convention today shall be ratified by the people. As the platform is silent on the subject, my view should be made known to the convention, and, if it proves to be unsatisfactory to the majority, I request you to decline the nomination for me at once, so that another may be nominated before adjournment."

A. B. PARKER.

Ringier cheers went around the hall, but Williams continued:

"My friends, we purposely made this platform silent on the question of money, because we all agreed that it was not an issue in this campaign. And we all agreed furthermore that nothing should be placed in the platform which was not a campaign issue."

"My friends, we purposely made a platform, so far as the monetary standard was concerned, upon which William J. Bryan could have stood, or

FINE EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

Regatta Committee Preparing Best Field Meet Program Ever Pulled Off on the Coast.

After This Year San Francisco Oarsmen Will Use Shells in Their Rowing Races.

WANT TO COME TO REGATTA

Are Anxious to Settle Question of Supremacy—Lacrosse and Baseball Games Arranged for Field Meet.

Secretary Halderman of the regatta committee returned yesterday from Portland, where he had been in the interests of the coming carnival. He reports that considerable enthusiasm is manifested everywhere over the regatta, and that Portland will be well represented.

Upon his return home yesterday Secretary Halderman received a letter from the Californians. The committee had written to San Francisco saying that there would probably be no place for barges this year. The northern oarsmen use shells and barge races were always exhibition contests between the California contingent. James Floey of the South End crew writes that the secretary's letter caused some disappointment in the Bay City, where the oarsmen had looked forward with interest to the Astoria regatta. He said there was great rivalry between the South Ends and Arrels as to which crew was entitled to the championship and that it was intended the matter should be determined on the local course. He adds that the Californians will abandon barges, but that the crews will not get their shells until next year. In the meantime, he thought the committee should keep the southern oarsmen in touch with those of the north.

The committee has not positively determined to cut out the barge races, and the matter will be further considered. When a decision has been reached the Californians will be notified. It is thought probable one barge race, to settle the question of the championship, may be arranged for.

The Portland oarsmen were consulted by Mr. Halderman during his Portland visit, and all expressed themselves as enthusiastic. They will send a senior four-oared and a junior eight-oared shell, one, two or three single shell men, as the committee may desire, and will also send a double shell. Canoe men to the number of six or more will come, and the swimmers are anxious to participate.

Race for Small Yachts.

Mr. Halderman talked with all of the yachtsmen. He found them enthusiastic and impatient to start on their trip down the Columbia for Astoria. In the past the yachts have not been classed, but this year the smaller boats will be given an opportunity to get some of the money. Races will be provided for them and they will not have to go against the larger boats. There will be eight or 10 of the Portland yachts—perhaps more. The yachtsmen are very much pleased with this new arrangement, and the action of the committee has greatly stimulated interest.

Games for the Field Meet.

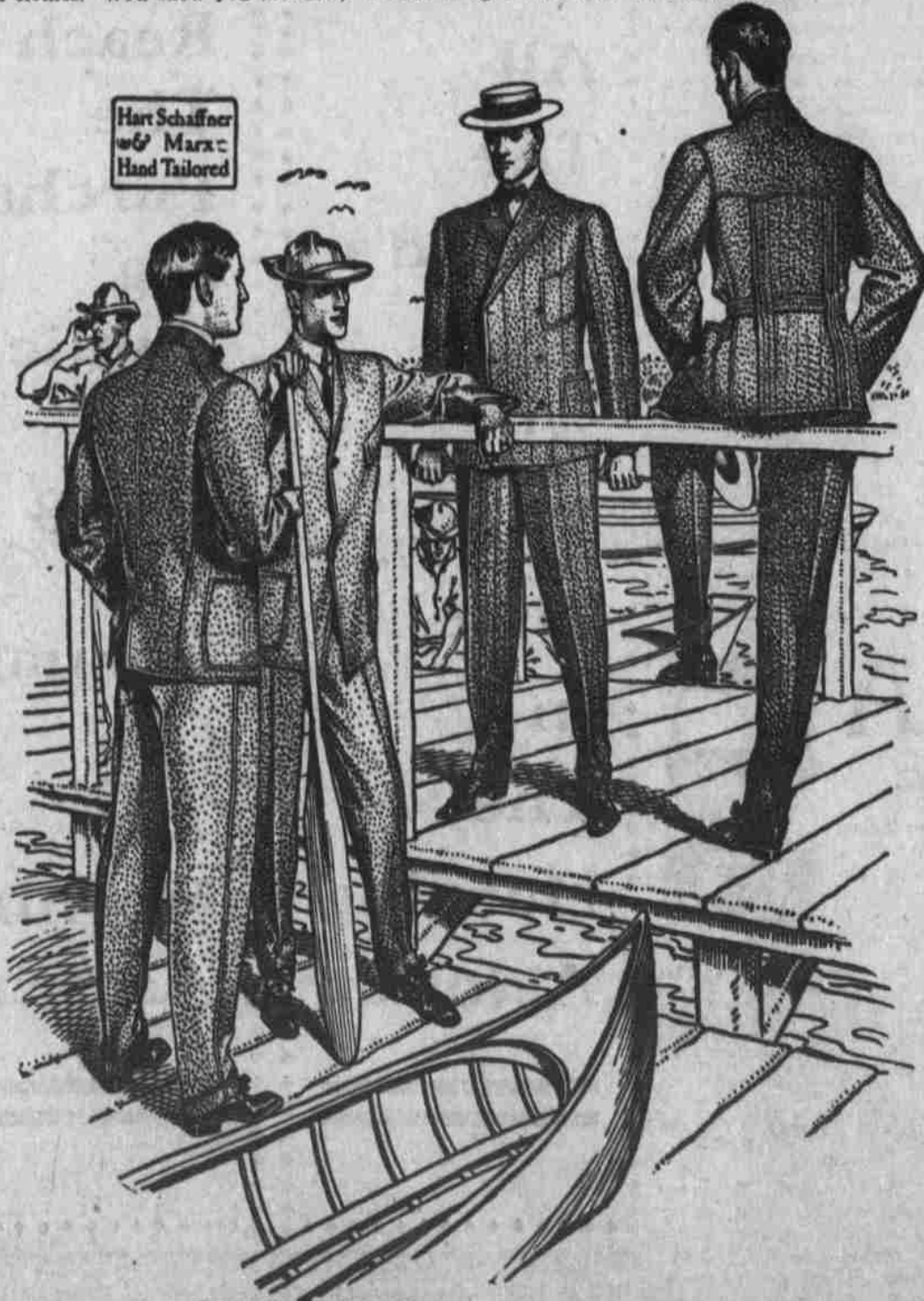
The Portland lacrosse team will meet the New Westminster team here on the afternoon of the last day, at the big field meet. The Portland lacrosse players are anxious to try conclusions again with the British Columbians and are now making preparations to play the game. The lacrosse

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